(b) if so, what are the reasons for multiplicity of brand names;

(c) whether Government propose to limit these brands and link these names to the basic drug; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) It is estimated that about 500 bulk drugs are being formulated, singly or in combination, in various dosage strength and forms and pack sizes in the country by a very large number of manufacturers. Since marketing of products under the brand name is a normal commercial practice, there could be many trade/brand names of the same drug moving in the market.

(c) and (d) To encourage sale of medicines under their generic names, single ingredient formulations based on the bulk drugs in the Second Schedule of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 and sold under the generic name are exempt from price control.

Foreign borrowings by KRIBHCO

5818. SHRI MATANG SINH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Krishak Bharat Cooperative Ltd. (KRIBHCO) has decided to raise 220 crores through foreign borrowings to finance its 440 crores nitrophosphate project at Hazira;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) in what manner the remaining funds are proposed to be generated;

(d) the details of production of nitrophosphate and calcium ammonia likely to be effected as a result of this project; and

(e) by when the country is likely to become self-sufficient in regard to the requirement of fertilizer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALIERO): (a) to (c) No foreign borrowing is envisaged at this stage for the proposed Nitrophosphate project of Krishak Bharati Cooperative Ltd. (KRIBHCO). Presently, KRIBHCO is proposing to finance this project out of their internal resources and borrowings from Indian financial institutions.

(d) The proposed annual production capacity of this project is envisaged as follows:

	(Tonnes)
— Nitrophosphate . . .	2,91,000
- Calcium Ammonium Nitrate	2,20,500
- Ammonium Nitrate . .	45,000
- Conc. Nitric acid . .	16,500

(e) The demand for fertilizers is not likely to be met entirely through indigenous production in the foreseeable future.

British High Commissioner's letters regarding price reduction of Ranitidine

5819. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M|s. Glaxo brought a letter from British High Commissioner against prices reduction of Ranitidine;